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BEGIN SUMMARY: THE SPANISH DESK OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE
HAS GIVEN US A RUNDOWN OF FRG PLANNING CONCERNING GERMAN
REPRESENTATION AT FRANCO'S FUNERAL AND PRINCE JUAN
CARLOS' ACCESSION CEREMONY. THEY ARE SOMEWHAT MORE
NUANCED THAN THOSE DESCRIBED BY THE FRG'S PERM REP TO
HIS NATO COLLEAGUES (REF A). IN PRINCIPLE, THE FRG
INTENDS TO SEND AS HIGH RANKING DELEGATES AS POSSIBLE
TO BOTH CEREMONIES CONSISTENT WITH THE REPRESENTATION
OF ITS WESTERN ALLIES AND THE ALREADY HECTIC TRAVEL
PLANS OF SENIOR FRG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. END SUMMARY

1. THE SPANISH DESK AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE
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GENCY PLANNING. IF THE FUNERAL AND INSTALLATION

CEREMONIES ARE SUFFICIENTLY FAR APART, FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER WOULD REPRESENT THE FRG AT THE FORMER AND PRESIDENT SCHEEL AT THE LATTER. BOTH HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO DO SO. HOWEVER, FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER IN PARTICULAR HAS AN EXTREMELY HEAVY SCHEDULE AND HIS ATTENDANCE IS THEREFORE PROBLEMATIC. IF HE IS NOT AVAILABLE, ANOTHER CABINET MINISTER WOULD IN PRINCIPLE REPRESENT THE FRG. HOWEVER, THE NEXT IN LINE IS DEFENSE MINISTER LEBER. THE POLITICAL STORM WHICH SWIRLED AROUND THE DEFENSE MINISTER'S HEAD BECAUSE OF GENERAL HILDEBRANDT'S ATTENDANCE AT THE SPANISH VICTORY PARADE CELEBRATION (REF B) WAS SUCH THAT LEBER IS UNLIKELY TO RISK A VISIT TO SPAIN NOW. OTHER CABINET MINISTERS ARE LIKEWISE RELUCTANT TO COMMIT THEMSELVES, AND NO FIRM DECISION HAS BEEN MADE.

2. IF THE FUNERAL AND ACCESSION CEREMONIES ARE HELD SO CLOSE TO ONE ANOTHER THAT ATTENDANCE BY TWO SEPARATE FRG OFFICIALS WOULD BE AN OBVIOUS POLITICAL GESTURE, THE FRG'S POSITION REMAINS UNDECIDED. ASSUMING PRESIDENT SCHEEL IS BACK FROM HIS MOSCOW TRIP AND IS NOT OTHERWISE COMMITTED, THE FEDERAL PRESIDENT HAS NOT RULED OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF ATTENDING BOTH. HOWEVER, HE PROBABLY WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT ATTEND IF HE WERE TO BE THE ONLY WESTERN HEAD OF STATE TO DO SO. WERE PRESIDENT FORD OR PRESIDENT GISCARD TO ATTEND, HE WOULD LIKELY FOLLOW SUIT PROVIDED PRINCE JUAN CARLOS'S PUBLIC UTTERANCES WERE OF A NATURE TO FACILITATE SUCH HIGH LEVEL ATTENDANCE.

3. IF THESE CONDITIONS ARE NOT MET, REPRESENTATION BY A CABINET MEMBER WOULD BE LIKELY. HOWEVER, THE SAME PROBLEMS MENTIONED IN PARA ONE ABOVE WOULD STILL BE OPERATIVE: I.E., FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S HEAVILY CHARGED SCHEDULE, DEFENSE MINISTER LEBER'S POLITICAL PROBLEMS STEMMING FROM GENERAL HILDEBRANDT'S VISIT TO SPAIN, AND THE RELUCTANCE OF OTHER CABINET MINISTERS TO STEP INTO THE BREACH. THUS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE FRG MIGHT BE REPRESENTED BY A STATE SECRETARY IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE. HOWEVER, ONE OF THEM (MOERSCH) IS CONFIDENTIAL

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CURRENTLY ON A TEN-DAY VISIT TO THE FAR EAST.

4. COMMENT: OUR CONTACT INDICATED THAT THE WORKING LEVEL IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE WAS PUSHING FOR THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE FRG REPRESENTATION. HE SAID HIS TASK WOULD BE ENORMOUSLY FACILITATED IF THE FOREIGN OFFICE COULD BE TOLD OF US PLANNING.
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